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1. FRONTPAGE STORY IN AL-AHRAM ON MAY 22 REPORTS VIEW BY "TOP OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER, USUALLY KISSINGER HIMSELF," THAT GENEVA MEETING "WILL BE HELD LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR". AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WAS REACHED DURING KISSINGER-GROMYKO VIENNA MEETING. U.S. SOURCES, STORY ADDS, SAID BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED "TO COOPERATE IN FINDING ME SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS." STORY PREDICTS FURTHER KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS BEFORE GENEVA CONFERENCE RESUMPTION. AL-AKHBAR IN ITS COVERAGE ADDS GROMYKO'S DESCRIPTION OF TALKS AS "CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL".

2. IN STORY APPEARING IN FIRST EDITION OF AL-AKHBAR, LONDON CORRESPONDENT ZAGHLOUL ES-SAYED QUOTES "REPORTS FROM VIENNA" SAYING THAT GROMYKO AND KISSINGER "HAVE AGREED ON NECESSITY OF RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE IN NEAR FUTURE" AND THAT "SOVIET UNION BLESSES U.S. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER ISRAELI EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN SINAI." REPORT WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS.

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3. ON KISSINGER'S ASSURANCES IN VIENNA THAT U.S. NON-
RECOGNITION OF PLO HAS NOT CHANGED, AL-AHRAM'S MAIN EDITORIAL
SAYS THAT "PEACE IN REGION IS UNDOUBTEDLY TIED UP TO RESTORATION
OF USURPED PALESTINIAN RIGHTS" AND IS NOT JUST LIMITED TO
RECTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF 1967 WAR.
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